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American Shad *Alosa sapidissima* (White Shad)

American shad, the largest herring in North America, once ruled the waters of the Susquehanna basin, migrating from the Atlantic Ocean to as far north as Cooperstown, N.Y., on the Susquehanna River, beyond Lock Haven, Pa., on the West Branch Susquehanna and near Hollidaysburg, Pa., on the Juniata River. With excessive harvests and pollution from mining and lumbering in the 1800s, followed by the construction of hydroelectric dams in the early 1900s, the American shad were blocked from their historic migratory waters of the Susquehanna River. Today, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission is among the many public- and private-sector partners working together to successfully reopen the Susquehanna River and tributaries to the American shad and other migratory fishes.



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